

SELECT CREATIVE ARTS ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

General

What are the elements of art; how are they used in the formation of an artwork?

What are the principles of design; how are they used in the layout of imagery?

Drawing

How does ratio and proportion help determine the look of a face?

What methods help artists draw expressions?

How are the basic proportions and features drawn for different ethnicities?

What are common devices for creating space on a two dimensional surface?

How can angled parallels in forms help artists to draw animals?

How do curves on forms, drawn hemispheres, foreshortening, and overlapping assist in drawing flowers?

How do aerial perspective, overlapping, shrinking/winding paths, fading tones, lighting, shading, shadow, one point perspective and shrinking objects help to create illusionistic space?

How can proportion and ratio determine placement of body aspects?

How can angles and parallels turn shapes into forms?

How is pattern a part of texture?

How can the size of objects arranged on a page create the illusion of space?

How can shape fronts, angles and parallels create block letters?

How does exaggeration, simplification and emphasis work to create caricature?

What part does outline play in drawing from observation?

How can predetermined spatial devices help compose outdoor sketches?

Watercolor

What are the basic watercolor techniques?

How do artists preserve the white of the watercolor paper?

What cultures have used calligraphy with watercolor for centuries?

Acrylic

What advantages do layering opaque paints allow artists?

How do the primary colors create tertiaries, secondaries and complements?

How can stencil use protect subject matter from background exploration?

Ceramic

How can everyday object molds be used in ceramics?

How can a cross template lead to a clay box?

How can a box be modified to contain a slide lid?

What is glaze, and how does it turn into glass?

What Italian decorative techniques allows for drawing in clay?

Printmaking

What is removed in order to create a relief plate for printing?

How can an image be "pulled" from a monotype plate?

Chalk and Oil Pastels

What two primary techniques help artists work with chalk pastels?

How are oil pastels used to approximate oil paints?

Doodles

How are formal doodles, primitive doodles, and zentangles different and similar?